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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT PARIS DATED APRIL L7 FROM
STRASBOURG RPTD FOR YOUR ACTION/INFO:

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SUBJ: COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS MAKING
PROGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION

1. SUMMARY: WORK BY A SPECIAL DRAFTING GROUP COMPOSED OF FIVE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES CONTINUES ON A DECLARATION ON HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH, IF ALL GOES WELL, WILL BE ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS WHEN THEY MEET HERE APRIL 27. THE DECLARATION NOTES THE COMMITMENT TO PERFECTING HUMAN RIGHTS IN WESTERN EUROPE AND GOES ON TO ENDORSE THE TWENTY COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBERS' PLAYING AN "ACTIVE PART" IN STRENGTHENING HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONALLY. END SUMMARY.

2. IT WAS THE BELGIANS WHO IN THE "SIMONET PROPOSAL" MADE DURING LAST NOVEMBER'S COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS MEETING HERE URGED THAT SUCH A DECLARATION BE MADE (PARIS 35040 OF L2/L/77, PARA 6). THE DRAFTING GROUP HAS MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS ON A CONSENSUS DECLARATION SO THAT BARRING LAST-MINUTE RECALCITRANCE ON PRECISE WORDING BY A MEMBER OR MEMBERS, THE DECLARATION WILL BE ISSUED WHEN THE TWENTY COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOREIGN MINISTERS/DEPUTIES MEET HERE APRIL 27. (FYI - THE MEETING OFFERS THE GREEK AND TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTERS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR PRIVATE TALKS IF THEY CHOOSE TO SO UTILIZE IT; BEFORE THE APRIL L4-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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L6 MEETING OF THEIR FOREIGN OFFICE SECRETARIES-GENERAL WAS POSTPONED, THIS WAS INDEED THE PLAN HERE, I.E. FOR AN EXTENSIVE PRIVATE MEETING ON APRIL 28).

3. WHILE THE DECLARATION WOULD BE SOMEWHAT OVERSHADOWED BY THAT MADE AT THE RECENT EC COPENHAGEN MEETING, THERE IS STRONG SENTIMENT AMONG THE NON-EC COUNCIL OF EUROPE MEMBERS THAT ALL OF WESTERN EUROPE COME OUT AS FORCEFULLY AS POSSIBLE ON BEHALF OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL, SECURITY AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SOMETHING WHICH TIES IN NICELY WITH USG EFFORTS IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD, EVEN IF ADMITTEDLY ONLY IN GENERAL FASHION IN THE DECLARATION ITSELF. MAJOR DRAFTING SNAGS SO FAR ENCOUNTERED HAVE CENTERED ON NORWEGIAN DESIRES TO NOTE THE NEED FOR MEMBERS TO MAKE A GREATER HUMAN RIGHTS EFFORT AT THE UN, AND FRENCH PROBLEMS WITH TYING THE FURTHERANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS TO "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION."

4. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS DECLARATION IN ITS PRESENT DRAFT FORM, WITH PORTIONS

YET TO BE IRONED OUT IN PARENTHESES. FINAL TEXT
WILL BE CABLED WHENEVER ISSUED.

BEGIN TEXT:

1. MINDFUL OF THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES OF
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND OF THEIR COMMITMENT, UNDER
THE STATUTE OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, TO THE RESPECT
OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS,
2. CONSIDERING THAT THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS, WHICH HAS NOW BEEN IN FORCE FOR 25 YEARS,
HAS GIVEN CONCRETE EXPRESSION TO THIS COMMITMENT BY

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PROVIDING FOR A COLLECTIVE GUARANTEE OF A NUMBER OF RIGHTS AFFIRMED IN THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS PROCLAIMED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY 30 YEARS AGO, PARTICULARLY THROUGH THE CONVENTION'S CONTROL MECHANISM WHICH IS BASED ON OBJECTIVE CRITERIA AND ENTRUSTED TO INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS.

3. CONSIDERING THAT, BY VIRTUE OF THAT EUROPEAN CONVENTION, EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION IS ACCORDED TO ANY PERSON WHO COMES UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CONTRACTING STATES (IRRESPECTIVE OF NATIONALITY OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE),

4. IN THE CONVICTION THAT THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, BOTH AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL IS A CONTINUING TASK AND THAT THE INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ARISING OUT OF MAN'S HUMAN DIGNITY CONSERVE THEIR PRIME VALUE AND IMPORTANCE THROUGH THE CHANGES AND EVOLUTION OF SOCIETY,

5. BELIEVING THAT IT IS OF PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE THAT THE INSTITUTIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS REMAIN AN EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT FOR ENSURING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE ENGAGEMENTS WHICH RESULT FROM IT,

(6. RECALLING, MOREOVER, THAT THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HAS UNDER CONSIDERATION PROPOSALS TO EXTEND THE LISTS OF RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL TO BE PROTECTED BY THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OTHER RELEVANT EUROPEAN CONVENTIONS, INCLUDING RIGHTS IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS),

(7. NOTING THE INITIAL CONTRIBUTION THAT THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL CHARTER HAS MADE IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND BEING PREPARED TO CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER ENLARGING IN THE

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FRAMEWORK OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OF THE PROTECTION OF THOSE RIGHTS),

(8. AWARE OF THE CLOSE INTER-RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE

PROTECTION AND ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS WITHIN STATES, AND THE MAINTENANCE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE IN THE WORLD),

I. REAFFIRM THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN EUROPE.

(II. DECIDE TO GIVE PRIORITY TO THE WORK UNDERTAKEN IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE OF EXPLORING THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING THE LISTS OF RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL, NOTABLY RIGHTS IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND CULTURAL FIELDS, WHICH SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY RELEVANT EUROPEAN CONVENTIONS),

III. RESOLVE TO PLAY AN ACTIVE PART IN THE EFFECTIVE PROTECTION AND FURTHER REALIZATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, (INCLUDING, IN A WIDER CONCEPT, THOSE IN THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL FIELDS), THUS CONTRIBUTING TO THE STRENGTHENING OF (WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION) AND TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF ALL PEOPLE. END TEXT.

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